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Legorne, Sept. 6.

WE have had some weeks in Port a Dutch Convoy, being two men of War, and several stout Merchant-men, bound for *Smirna*, Commanded in chief by Count *de Stirum*; and the third Instant arrived ten French Gallies, Commanded by the Duke of *Mortemar*, who coming near, sent to Count *Stirum* to require him to salute the Gallies, or that he would Fire at him; to which the Count answered, That he wanted not Powder and Shot to return him; after which the Duke of *Mortemar* sent another Message to Count *Stirum*, but the Answer pleased him as little as the former, and thereupon they prepared on both sides for Action; At the same time the Duke of *Mortemar* sent to Capt. *Dickenson*, Commander of the *Diamond* Frigat then in Port, to desire him and the Merchants Ships with him to draw farther off, that they might not receive any damage from the shot of the Gallies; but Capt. *Dickenson* answered, That he would not stir from the place where he was Moored; The Duke of *Mortemar* sent him a second Message, but Capt. *Dickenson* answered again, That he would not stir a foot, and that if the Ships under his Charge received any Damage, he would require satisfaction: In the interim our Governor sent off a discreet Person, who so ordered Matters between the French and the Dutch, that Count *Stirum*, (upon his assuring him that the French Admiral had shewed him an Agreement made in 1636, between the French King and the States-General concerning Salutes, by which a French Admiral is to be Saluted with nine Guns, and to return two) was prevailed with accordingly to salute the Gallies with nine Guns, and was answered with two. This Evening the said Dutch Convoy sailed from hence.

Berlin, Sept. 28. The Envoye from *Poland* is still here, though it is some time since he had his last Audience. To the Proposition he made, that the Garrisons of the Places which belong to the Princess *Radzeville* in *Lythuania*, and are now by her Marriage with the Electors Son, fallen into the hands of a Forreign Prince, should at the same time that they swear to their Prince, take likewise an Oath to the Republick; It was answered, that the Elector could not consent to that; but that he would allow of a Clause to be put into the Oath which the said Garrisons take to their Prince as might secure the Republick from all danger.

Brussels, Sept. 19. It is uncertain when the Court will return from *Antwerp*. The Nations here continue Assembled, and have consented to the Imposition of halfe a Farthing upon every pot of Bear. The Affairs of *Liege* are not so near an Accommodation as has been reported; the Elector demanding an absolute submission from the City, as a Preliminary, before they enter upon the particular Matters in difference.

Hague, Sept. 23. The Prince of *Orange* is parted from *Dieren*, as our last Letters from thence tell us; and it's believed he is gone to meet the Princess of *Luneburg*; after which his Highness will have a Conference with the Prince of *Parma*. In the mean time nothing of moment passes here.

Marseilles, Sept. 16. By a Vessel which arrived here the last week from the *Levant*, we have an account that the Sieur *du Quesne* was retired from before *Scio*, having left two men of War to block up the *Tripolins*, who we formerly told you had put themselves under the Protection of the Castle there, and had so well posted themselves, that he could not do any execution upon them with his Canon or Fire-ships, and was gone with four men of War for *Constantinople*, to fetch home the French Ambassador, who has not yet been able to obtain an Audience. It's confirmed by a Barklately arrived from the coast of *Spain*, that the French Frigats have taken two *Sally* men of War, and run athore and destroyed two others, so that there are now remaining not above two or three of those Corsairs.

Paris, Sept. 24. From *Rome* we have an Account, that two of the late Promoted Cardinals, *Riesi* and *Teya* have on account of their great Age, refused their Hats; and that the Pope continues to make great difficulties concerning the Bishop of *Pamiers* Bulls, which are therefore not yet dispatched. The Cardinal *Grimaldi* Archbishop of *Aix*, has at last appointed a meeting of the Clergy of his Province, for the chooſing of Deputies to be sent to the general Assembly, which is to meet the beginning of the next Moneth. Madam *Montespan* is returned from *Bourbon*, where she not only saw, but had several Conferences with Monsieur *de Lauzun*, which confirms the opinion many have, that he will suddainly appear at Court again. Preparations are making for the Courts removal to *Chambor*, though many still think that's only a disguise, and that there are great designs in hand: We have Advice that Monsieur *de Louvois* Lodged lately at a small place near *Troye* in *Champagne*, but that it was not known whither he was going. The Chamber of *Metz* we hear pretends to two places, *Hunich* and *Montjoye*, in the Dutchy of *Juliers*, as Dependencies of the Bishoprick of *Metz*. Fresh Quarrels have happened on the River of *Bidassoa* near *Fonterabia*, between the French and Spanish Barks.

Bristol, Sept. 18. The Right Honourable the Lord Marquis of *Worcester*, Lord-Lieutenant of this City and County, having appointed a Muster of our Militia, the City sent two of their Aldermen and seven others of the Common-Council, to desire his Lordship would honour them with his Presence, which his Lordship was pleased to do, and was met four miles out of Town by the chiefest of the City, and conducted from the *Tollsey*, by the Mayor and several Aldermen to his Lodgings provided by the City, where his Lordship and his company were Entertained with a very Noble Supper. The next Morning the Mayor and Aldermen accompanied his

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